

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1 - 19. (cancelled)

20. (new) A wooden material panel, including a surface coating applied at least on parts of the panel, said surface coating comprising at least one layer of plastics having a Shore hardness A up to 90.

21. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 20, wherein the Shore hardness A is up to 80.

22. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 20, wherein the Shore hardness A is up to 65.

23. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 20, wherein the Shore hardness A is up to 50.

24. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 20, wherein the Shore hardness A is from 20 to 60.

25. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 20, wherein the Shore hardness A is from 30 to 40.

26. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 20, wherein the panel is a ceiling panel.

27. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 20, wherein the panel is a floor panel.

28. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 20, wherein said at least one layer of plastics comprises at least one layer containing at least one thermoplastic material.

29. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 20, wherein said at least one layer of plastics comprises at least one layer containing a mixture of plastics including at least one thermoplastic material.

30. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 20, including at least one layer of plastics made of at least one of a polyolefin, a reactive polyolefin, a polyurethane, an ethylene-vinyl-acetate, polyester, an epoxide, and mixtures thereof.

31. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 20, wherein said at least one layer of a plastics is at least one of colored and transparent and filled with a mineral or an organic filler.

32. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 20, wherein the at least one layer of plastics has a thickness between 20  $\mu\text{m}$  and 300  $\mu\text{m}$ .

33. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 20, wherein the at least one layer of plastics has a thickness up to 40  $\mu\text{m}$ .

34. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 20, wherein the at least one layer of plastics has a thickness up to 70  $\mu\text{m}$ .

35. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 20, wherein the at least one layer of plastics has a thickness up to 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .

36. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 20, wherein the at least one layer of plastics has a thickness up to 150  $\mu\text{m}$ .

37. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 20, wherein the at least one layer of plastics has a thickness up to 250  $\mu\text{m}$ .

38. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 20, wherein the at least one layer of plastics forms part of a multiple layer surface coating on a surface of the wooden material panel.

39. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 38, wherein the at least one layer of plastics is an externally exposed layer or a non-externally exposed layer.

40. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 20, wherein at least two layers of plastics have been applied onto the wooden material panel.

41. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 40, wherein at least one layer of plastics has been applied onto each main surface of the wooden material panel.

42. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 20, wherein at least two layers of plastics have been applied onto at least one main surface of the wooden material panel.

43. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 42, wherein between the at least two layers of plastics at least one layer of another material having a different Shore hardness A is provided.

44. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 38, wherein the at least one layer of plastics borders onto a layer of synthetic resin.

45. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 44, wherein the layer of synthetic resin is a varnish layer.

46. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 38, wherein the at least one layer of plastics borders onto a layer of paint.

47. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 38, wherein the at least one layer of plastics has been coated onto a layer of bonding agent.

48. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 38, further comprising a layer of bonding agent applied onto the at least one layer of plastics.

49. (new) The wooden material panel according to claim 20, wherein the at least one layer of plastics is elastic and resumes its original shape after a mechanical load is removed which had resulted in a deformation.

50. (new) A process for the manufacture of a wooden material panel, including a surface coating comprising applying at least one layer of plastics having a Shore hardness A of up to 90 to a surface of the wooden material panel.

51. (new) The process of claim 50, wherein the applying step comprises applying at least one layer of plastics having a Shore hardness A of up to 80.

52. (new) The process of claim 50, wherein the applying step comprises applying at least one layer of plastics having a Shore hardness A of up to 65.

53. (new) The process of claim 50, wherein the applying step comprises applying at least one layer of plastics having a Shore hardness A of up to 50.

54. (new) The process of claim 50, wherein the applying step comprises applying at least one layer of plastics having a Shore hardness A of from 20 to 60.

55. (new) The process of claim 50, wherein the applying step comprises applying at least one layer of plastics having a Shore hardness A of from 30 to 40.

56. (new) The process according to claim 50, wherein said applying step comprises applying the at least one layer of plastics in a thickness between 25  $\mu\text{m}$  and 300  $\mu\text{m}$ .

57. (new) The process according to claim 50, wherein said applying step comprises applying the at least one layer of plastics in a thickness up to 40  $\mu\text{m}$ .

58. (new) The process according to claim 50, wherein said applying step comprises applying the at least one layer of plastics in a thickness up to 70  $\mu\text{m}$ .

59. (new) The process according to claim 50, wherein said applying step comprises applying the at least one layer of plastics in a thickness up to 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .

60. (new) The process according to claim 50, wherein said applying step comprises applying the at least one layer of plastics in a thickness up to 150  $\mu\text{m}$ .

61. (new) The process according to claim 50, wherein said applying step comprises applying the at least one layer of plastics in a thickness up to 250  $\mu\text{m}$ .

62. (new) The process according to claim 50, wherein the applying step comprises applying the at least one layer of plastics by rollers.

63. (new) The process according to claim 50, wherein the applying step comprises applying the at least one layer of plastics at a temperature of more than 80°C.

64. (new) The process according to claim 50, wherein the applying step comprises applying the at least one layer of plastics at a temperature above 120°C

65. (new) The process according to claim 50, wherein the applying step comprises applying the at least one layer of plastics at a temperature above 160°C.